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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJECT: US RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ILO

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1. LABOR MINISTER GENERAL LIENDO HAS INFORMED
AMBASSADOR OF HIS INTENTION TO ATTEND THE
NONALIGNED CONFERENCE OF LABOR MINISTERS IN
TUNIS (WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN EMPLOYMENT
CONFERENCE) AND FROM THERE TO PROCEED TO GENEVA
FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY.

2. LIENDO STATED THAT THE GOA VIEWED WITH
CONCERN THE DEPARTURE OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S
TWO SUPERPOWERS FROM THE ILO. WHILE AN EFFORT
WAS BEING MADE WITHIN THE ILO TO ADJUST TO THE
DEPARTURE OF THE US, IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE THAT BODY'S EQUILIBRIUM WOULD BE
UPSET AND THE SOVIET UNION WOULD COME TO
DOMINATE IT OUTRIGHT.

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3. LIENDO SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION, HAVING CONSULTED
WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OBTAINED HIS CONCURRENCE,
TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AT THE ILO/GB TO ENCOURAGE HIS
LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES AND THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE NON-MARXIST THIRD WORLD--PARTICULARLY THOSE OF
THE ARAB BLOC--TO ADOPT THOSE MEASURES IN THE ILO WHICH
WOULD FACILITATE THE RETURN OF THE USG TO THE FOLD. THIS

SEEMS TO BE A CENTRAL THEME IN A SPEECH HE APPARENTLY IS PLANNING TO GIVE AT THE GB.

4. STATING THAT HE PLANNED TO DEPART BUENOS AIRES FOR TUNIS IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 21, LIENDO SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO KNOW THE LIKELY REACTION OF THE USG BEFORE HE UNDERTOOK HIS INITIATIVE AT GENEVA. AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS THE HOPE OF THE USG THAT THERE WOULD BE A FAVORABLE EVOLUTION OF CONDITIONS AT THE ILO SOMETIME WHICH WOULD PERMIT OUR RE-ENTRY AND THAT REAL INITIATIVES TOWARD THIS END WERE CERTAINLY WELCOME IN PRINCIPLE. AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN WASHINGTON'S MORE SPECIFIC REACTION.

5. REQUEST WASHINGTON AGENCIES VIEWS--IF POSSIBLE PRIOR TO LABOR MINISTER'S DEPARTURE. IF IMPOSSIBLE, LIENDO WOULD APPRECIATE--AND WE STRONGLY ENDORSE--THAT A MEETING BE ARRANGED FOR HIM WITH AN APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL US REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY REPRESENTATIVES DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO UNDERTAKE WITH RESPECT TO TUNIS MEETING.
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